

GOLD IS STANDARD OF ALL VALUES

SECRETARY GAGE CONTINUES EXPLANATION.

To Maintain Bimetallism—He Insists That the Measure in No Way Prejudices Any Efforts That May Be Made to Exchange the Value of Silver.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary Gage resumed his exposition of his comprehensive currency bill before the house committee on banking and currency Friday.

Before the bill proper was taken up some semi-political questions were asked. Mr. Hill (rep.) of Connecticut called Mr. Gage's attention to the statement that the first purpose of the bill was to commit the country to the gold standard.

"You are recognized as a republican," said Mr. Hill, addressing the secretary, "and you are familiar with the financial platform of the republican national convention at St. Louis. Do you consider that this purpose of more firmly fixing the gold standard on the country conflicts with the principle of the St. Louis platform?"

"No, sir," responded Mr. Gage, "not as I look at the principle of bimetallism. Bimetallism must mean one of two things—either it is two kinds of money of unequal value, circulating side by side by reason of the exchange of the less valuable for that of greater value, or else two kinds of money of such intrinsic equality of value that they will circulate side by side. We have a bimetallic currency in the United States now. A firm establishment of the gold standard, with such interchangeability with silver as will make it acceptable on an equality with gold, will maintain this bimetallism, the same as it has existed for the last eighteen years."

The secretary went on to state that this in no way prejudiced any steps that might be taken to bring silver up to a higher standard of value. The bill, however, was designed to give such confidence in the financial ability of the government that the discriminations against silver would largely decrease.

Mr. Cox (dem.) of Texas asked if the result of the Gage bill eventually would not lead to one kind of paper money—bank notes—and no silver except subsidiary silver.

"There is nothing in the plan to operate to that extent now," answered Mr. Gage. "It is in that direction, and, with further legislation developing it, it might ultimately lead to such a result. But would not say that silver will not be restricted to subsidiary silver. I would say a system of silver which would be subordinate. It is subordinate now."

In answer to questions by Mr. Newlands of Nevada, the secretary said the amount of the refunding fund under the bill would reach \$1,138,000,000 if all of them were issued. These being the basis for circulation, bank notes could be issued to that amount. Besides these the additional 25 per cent of unsecured circulation would give a further issue of bank notes of about \$300,000,000. But that vast issue was merely the creation of a specter and was not a reality. The banks could not get all the bonds and use them for issuing bank notes. On the contrary, government bonds are always taken largely by private investors, trust companies, insurance companies and parties across the water. Any effort of the banks to absorb all the bonds would so affect the price as to defeat the object in view. And this also would serve as a check to the expansion of bank circulation.

Mr. Newlands referred to "gold contracts" and asked the secretary's view of them.

Mr. Gage said he did not consider it desirable to interfere with private contracts of this character any more than was necessary.

To Mr. Prince of Illinois he explained that his expression "gold and other legal money" used in the bill meant no reflection on silver or other classes of money. The other legal money included silver, and the expression merely served to cover a well understood term.

The extent to which drains on the government stock of gold would result under the operations of the bill excited much discussion. Mr. Gage stated that all redemptions would be made in gold or its equivalent.

Mr. Fowler of New Jersey inquired if silver certificates would not be deposited and impounded, and their place taken by national bank notes, thus increasing the drain on our gold supply.

Mr. Gage answered that it was easy to conjecture up hypothetical objections, but he did not look at this one as serious. Any secretary of the treasury on receiving these silver certificates would "swap" them for greenbacks, treasury notes and other forms of demand notes which served to drain gold and thus build up the redemption fund.

Regarding section 8, which pledges the faith of the United States to the redemption of the bank notes, Mr. Gage said this was merely to make clear the same pledge as the government now gave to the integrity of bank notes. Section 10 provided

for the redemption of bank notes at the New York sub-treasury and other designated points, was reached. Mr. Cox asked Mr. Gage why he did not specify that the redemption should be in gold or other legal money.

The secretary answered that the less discretionary power imposed on an executive officer in the execution of a principle the better, for sometimes executive officers might have indiscretion and do foolish things. Moreover this discretion existed now.

When the remainder of the bill had been read a general discussion began. In answer to a cross-fire of questions Mr. Gage said the bill could not result in a raid on the treasury by bank notes. He said: "This bill is simply a step in the right direction, and a most important step. It would give the government \$325,000,000 of the very liabilities most likely to be brought against it. Of this, \$125,000,000 is in gold. Then, with the further measure recommended by the president, giving authority for a loan up to \$100,000,000 when required, the government would be so strong in time of emergency as to resist any stress. Faith would be established and people would not come to the treasury for lack of faith, but only from necessity."

Several members sought to have another hearing during the holidays, but there was strenuous objection to this, and the original plan was adhered to, of adjourning Jan. 12, when the Gage bill, the monetary conference bill and other financial measures will be taken up.

Senators Talk of Alcohol.

Washington, Dec. 18.—A spirited debate was precipitated in the senate Friday by the submission by Mr. Platt (Conn.) of the report of the special joint committee of the senate and house of representatives appointed to investigate the use of alcohol in the arts. It developed that a wide divergence of opinion exists among senators as to the practicability, from the point of view of government revenue, of reducing the present tax upon alcohol used in the arts. A joint resolution accepting the invitation of Norway to participate in an international fisheries exposition next year was passed. Under a special order 138 private pension bills were passed.

Resolutions on the death of William Steele Holman, late representative from Indiana, were taken up. Tributes to his memory were paid in eloquent eulogies by Mr. Fairbanks (Indiana), Mr. Mills (Texas), Mr. Cockrell (Missouri), Mr. Frye (Maine) and Mr. Turpie (Indiana). The resolutions were passed, and as a further mark of respect the senate at 4:25 p. m. adjourned until today.

Proceedings of the House.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The house Friday completed the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, excepting the paragraph relating to the civil service. By agreement the debate on this latter paragraph will go over until after the holidays.

The committee of the whole on Mr. Cannon's motion disagreed to the senate amendment to the bill for the relief of the miners on the upper Yukon, and agreed to a conference. Messrs. Cannon (Ill.), Northway (Ohio), and Sayers (Tex.) were appointed conferees.

Liberties for a Convict.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 18.—Judge John H. Baker of the United States District court has ordered an investigation of the report that John F. Joannson, the Logansport bank wrecker, sentenced to prison for ten years, is allowed unusual privileges at the Columbus penitentiary. The complaint was lodged by Logansport residents, who averred that the ex-banker was in reality not a prisoner, as he was permitted to come and go at will. One of the stories circulated was that recently the banker accompanied a Logansport friend to the train at Columbus. The inquiry as far as it has gone does not substantiate the charges.

Must Go to Prison for Life.

Princeton, Ind., Dec. 18.—After eleven hours' deliberation the jury in the Hull murder case returned a verdict Friday declaring Samuel Hull, Jr., guilty of murder in the first degree and fixing his punishment at imprisonment for life. Before passing sentence Judge Duncan asked him if he had anything to say. He replied: "I am an innocent man." Hull is accused of murdering his father in the woods of Warrick county last May.

Town Shaken by Dynamite.

Christman, Ill., Dec. 18.—An explosion of dynamite in front of Charles Heidrick's saloon at 2 o'clock Friday morning wrecked the building and badly injured Thomas Cantian, who was sleeping in the room. J. F. Newlin's grocery store, next door, was damaged and nearly all the windows in the block were broken. The damage will reach \$2,000.

Luetgert Jury Completed.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The empty seat in the Luetgert jury was filled yesterday. Robert Anners, proprietor of a shoe store at 746 Belmont avenue, the seventh venireman examined, proved to have no opinion and to have read very little about the case, and he was sworn in. Assistant State's Attorney McEwen made a ten minutes' opening statement of the state's case to him. Attorney Harmon made a three-hour address to the new juror.

HOLIDAY BUSINESS IS VERY GOOD NOW

ENCOURAGING FEATURES IN THE TRADE SITUATION.

Exceptional Steadiness—R. G. Dun & Co. Say the Business of the Year Is Surprisingly Large—Heavy Exports of Merchandise for November The Week's Failures.

New York, Dec. 18.—Bradstreet's says:

"A sensible quieting of demand in wholesale lines is reported as the holiday season and the annual stock-taking periods approach. Chief among the favorable features of the week has been enlarged inquiry at higher prices for steel in various forms, accompanied by advances in the prices of sorts most affected. A correspondingly heavy business has developed in pig iron, and prices show but slight shading in face of the current immense production. The wheat market has been less feverish, and prices are practically unchanged from a week ago, while corn, oats and sugar are additions to the list of the products showing advances. The unsatisfactory outlook for cotton goods is reflected in reductions in bleached goods to the lowest point ever reached, while some cotton yarns show weakness. Anthracite coal is weak, although production has been curtailed and talk of further restrictions is heard. With these exceptions the price situation is one of quite exceptional steadiness."

"Wheat exports show a heavy falling off from recently preceding weeks, aggregating as they do (four as wheat) 4,604,399 bushels, from both coasts of the United States and St. John, N. B., against 6,266,159 bushels last week. Corn exports are 1,000,000 bushels larger than last week, aggregating 4,129,553 bushels."

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

"Close to its annual holiday the business of the country is surprisingly large. Payments through banks are again 2.5 per cent larger than in 1897, heretofore the year of greatest prosperity; the production of iron and woollens and boots and shoes is larger than ever before; exports eclipse all past records and failures for two weeks have been the smallest for corresponding weeks in five years. The most weighty news of the week is the rise of merchandise exports in November to \$116,630,290, the excess of exports in four months being \$29,212,401, while in half of December exports are nearly as large and imports \$2,500,000 smaller than last year. Probably all records are surpassed by exports for this year, which have been \$974,600,000 in eleven months, and the excess over imports in five months has probably exceeded \$289,000,000."

"Failures for the week have been 329 in the United States, against 337 last year, and 28 in Canada, against 41 last year."

Michigan Farmers on Trusts.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 18.—At the concluding session of the state grange Friday it was recommended as the best method of dealing with trusts that the law be amended so that for violation of the charter be forfeited and the property sequestered. Strong opposition was declared to the proposed amendment to the inter-state commerce law permitting pooling combinations. A national pure-food law was asked for, as were laws providing a flat 2-cent passenger fare. Equal suffrage for Michigan women and free textbooks were also favored.

Argentina Is to Retaliate.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 18.—Every indication now is that the finance commission of the chamber of deputies, which is framing the retaliatory tariff against the United States will recommend considerably increased duties on petroleum, pine lumber, carts, plows and all agricultural implements imported from the United States.

Ten Hours for Railroad Employees.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The chamber of deputies Friday, in spite of the objections of M. Turrel, the minister of public works, adopted a proposal fixing upon ten hours as a day's work for railroad employees. This is to be followed by ten hours of rest.

Cannot Settle the Big Strike.

London, Dec. 18.—The subcommittee of the engineers' conference on the proposition to settle the great strike has failed to agree on the report to be submitted to the full conference, thus indicating a failure of the conference itself.

Loss at Melbourne Heavy.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 18.—The fire in Melbourne on the morning of Nov. 22 was far more destructive than was indicated in the brief cable report of the disaster. The mail advices brought by steamer show that the entire district, comprising the great warehouse emporium of Victoria, was reduced to a mass of ruins. The damage is estimated at about \$7,500,000.

Bank at Oelwein, Iowa, Closes.

Oelwein, Iowa, Dec. 19.—The Citizens' bank of this city, H. C. Sturgis & Co., proprietors, made a voluntary assignment and closed its doors. Liabilities, \$35,000; assets unknown.

MEN WHO WORK WANT THE SHORTER DAY

FEDERATION OF LABOR FIGHT FOR EIGHT HOURS.

Plans Finally Completed—Two Unions Selected to Lead the Fight, Which Will Be Begun on May 1—Sentiment in Favor of the Movement Is Unanimous.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 18.—The international Printing Pressmen's Union and the International Association of Machinists have been selected by the American Federation of Labor as the two organizations to make the fight for an eight-hour day at the beginning of next May. This was done on the recommendation of the special eight-hour committee and at the request of the representatives of the two organizations. Unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor are to be appealed to to donate money to assist in making the fight. This was deemed a better plan than attempting to levy an assessment. The International Printing Pressmen's Union and the International Association of Machinists are taking a referendum vote on the proposition to insist on the eight-hour day with the beginning of May, 1898. The executive committee is empowered to add any other organizations to the list it may see fit.

There were several other recommendations by the eight-hour committee. One was in favor of an amendment to the constitution of the United States to enable congress to legislate on the subject of hours of labor for women and children. It was the sense of the convention that legislation along these lines was essentially needed in the interest of the women and children who are employed in the textile industry of the East and South. This recommendation was adopted, as was one that the federation give its assistance to all association that are seeking to secure one day's rest in seven.

The federation also decided to appeal to the unions of the country to assist the men of Utah in their struggle for an eight-hour day. The convention reiterated its action of a year ago, earnestly advocating the recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents.

A resolution was adopted demanding such amendments to the constitution of the United States, and the constitutions of the several states thereof, as will deprive the courts of the power to set aside laws duly enacted by the representatives of the people.

BIG MILLS REDUCE WAGES.

Amoskeag Manufacturing Company Gives Notice to Employees.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 18.—The directors of the Amoskeag Manufacturing company of Manchester, N. H., voted to make a reduction of 10 per cent in the wages of the operatives, to take effect Jan. 1.

This company is one of the largest in the country, employing between 8,000 and 9,000 hands, and it is expected that its example will quickly be followed by other corporations, so that a general cut may be looked for in the immediate future. The causes of the reduction are practically the same as those which prompted the manufacturers of Fall River to readjust the price list. They include southern competition and the depressed state of the cotton-goods market.

Would Please the Pope.

London, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Rome says the Vatican officials confirm the report that the duke of Norfolk, the British postmaster general, has approached Prime Minister Salisbury with a view to obtaining the admission of Cardinal Vaughan into the House of Lords. The admission of the cardinal would greatly please the pope.

China Will Submit.

London, Dec. 18.—A special dispatch from Shanghai asserts that China will acquiesce in Germany's retention of Kiaochow. Russia and France are irritated at Germany's precipitancy in thus prematurely disclosing her plans to Great Britain and Japan in a manner likely, says the dispatch, to defeat the objects in view.

Florida State Treasurer Acquitted.

Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 18.—The case of the state against C. B. Collins, late state treasurer, ended in a verdict of acquittal, which was received with an outburst of applause promptly suppressed by the court with a reprimand. The indictment alleged embezzlement of over \$52,000.

McKinley Is Invited.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Efforts are being made by Senators Mitchell and Spooner of Wisconsin to secure the presence of President McKinley at the celebration to be held in Milwaukee next June in honor of the semi-centennial of that state's accession to the Union.

Received by the Czar.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—The retiring United States minister to Russia, Clifton R. Breckinridge, was received in audience by the czar yesterday and presented his letters of recall. Mr. Breckinridge presented to his majesty his successor, E. A. Hitchcock.

SUFFERING IN ALASKA.

Returned Klondiker Says People Will Starve at Dawson City.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 18.—The governor and George McLachlin, who left Dawson City on Nov. 3, arrived at Victoria on the steamer Corona. They bring news that 800 men have accepted the offer of the Alaska Commercial company and the Canadian government to supply them with food free at Fort Yukon, and have gone for it. About thirty men were passed on the trails coming out; all were shy of provisions and suffering severely from the cold, which ranged from 50 to 70 degrees below zero.

Maj. Walsh, administrator of the Yukon, was found encamped at Big Salmon, awaiting relief from Skaguay. He had lost two boats and much of his provisions. Kastner says people will starve in Dawson this winter, as there is not food enough. About 1,000 are talking of coming out on the first ice.

JAPAN'S THREAT.

Mikado Will Defend the Rights of His People in Hawaii at Any Cost.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The demands of Japan with reference to its 64,000 Japanese citizens in Hawaii were formally presented to Secretary Sherman by Minister Toru Hoshi Thursday afternoon. Japan is determined to protect at any cost the rights of its citizens. This is the substance of the note handed to Secretary Sherman. It is the intention of the secretary not to make public the note unless it is called for by congress.

Reports on Railroad Wreck.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The board of railroad commissioners handed down a report of its investigation into the causes of the accident on the New York Central railroad at Garrison's, Oct. 24 last. The commissioners arrived at the conclusion that the train was wrecked either by derailment, which destroyed the embankment, or that the embankment gave way and threw the train into the river. The board recommended that the force of track walkers on the Hudson river division of the road be increased so as to provide a constant and sufficient system of watching and warning along the line at all times.

Trouble Feared at Virden, Ill.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 18.—The miners and operators of the mines at Virden, just south of here, have been having a dispute for more than one week in regard to the price to be paid by the miners for blasting powder and during that time no coal has been mined there. State President John W. Fluenter of Streator, of the miners' federation, left here for Virden last night for the purpose of effecting a settlement. It is rumored here that an extensive coal strike is to be inepted in this section Jan. 1, 1898, for an advance over the scale now being paid.

New Route to the Yukon.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 18.—The steam schooner Augusta has arrived from Copper River, after a stormy voyage. George J. Rennie, who came down on her, claims to have discovered a new route to the Yukon, the location of which he will not disclose. He says that with the exception of thirty miles overland he can go all the way by water. Rennie has several claims in the Copper river country and will take back forty miners with him.

Looks to Dole's Downfall.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The downfall of the Dole government and the restoration of the monarchy, with Kaulani, niece of former Queen Liliuokalani, reigning under English domination, is the future predicted for Hawaii by the advocates of annexation in the event of the rejection of the pending treaty by the senate.

Engineers Out on Strike.

London, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Glasgow says the engineers of six of the Allan line steamers now at that port have gone out on strike. The dispatch adds that the Sarmatian, which was due to sail Friday, is unable to start and that a serious disorganization of the fleet is feared.

Try to Find Money for the Navy.

Madrid, Dec. 18.—It is understood the cabinet at its meeting Friday discussed the proposition to increase the strength of the navy and how to meet the expense of such a step, which the impartial estimates at 50,000,000 pesetas.

O'Donnell as Pingree's Rival.

Jackson, Mich., Dec. 18.—Ex-congressman James O'Donnell, editor of the Jackson Citizen, has declared himself as republican candidate for the next nomination for governor, in opposition to Governor Pingree.

Planters Want a Change.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 18.—The planters, who have been in session here, decided to meet with the Memphis association Dec. 20. Before leaving they passed resolutions demanding immediate monetary reform, saying that the present system of finance is at the bottom of the depression in all industries. They also commended the anti-option bill.

Oppose Judge Paxson.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 18.—The grand chiefs of the railway brotherhoods, whose headquarters are located here, are preparing to go to Washington to present the protests of their organizations against the nomination of Judge Paxson of Pennsylvania to the interstate commerce commission.

"FITZ" WON'T TALK OF M'COY'S VICTORY

GETTING THE MASTERY OF CREEDON NOT ENOUGH

Insists That the "Kid" Must Whip a Lot of Other Men Before He Can Aspire to Championship Honors—Creedon's Seconds Throw Up the Sponge.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 18.—[Special]—Champion Fitzsimmons has nothing to say about Mc Coy's victory over Creedon last night, but declares that Mc Coy has no business talking to him even if he did beat Creedon, until after he has met some of the lesser stars.

Long Island City, Dec. 18.—Chaffes (Kid) McCoy, whose real name is Norman Selby, won the middleweight championship of the world at the Long Island City Athletic Club Friday night, when he forced the seconds of Dan Creedon, of Australia, to throw up the sponge at the end of the fifteenth round.

Almost from the start the American pugilist showed such marked superiority over his plucky antagonist that the result was never in doubt. McCoy, in speed, science, head work and gameness, was a marvel. His miraculous defensive work was a rock upon which Creedon's fortunes were shattered. It was almost a physical impossibility for Creedon to land a dangerous blow, so well did McCoy guard himself and keep his temper.

The latter's punishing power was limited to short, swift, vicious jabs that soon damaged Creedon's face. They were the same blows that put all of McCoy's former antagonists out of the game, and they were not very showy, either.

As a hard, vicious slugger the "Kid" did not display much ability, but as a vicious boxer, whose short-arm blows were almost certain to bring a knock-out in the long run, he proved to be a marked success.

Butler Convicted of Murder.

Waukesha, Wis., Dec. 18.—James Butler, who has been on trial in the Circuit court for the killing of his wife, was convicted of murder in the first degree. Butler's counsel moved for a new trial. Judge Dick has taken the motion under advisement and will announce his decision on Monday next. The crime for which Butler was convicted was a most brutal one. The Butlers lived at Lisbon, a few miles from Waukesha, where on the night of July 5 Mrs. Butler was literally hacked to pieces with an ax. Butler made a confession, but pleaded insanity.

FIRE AT GRAND FORKS.

Two Persons Known to Have Perished and Others Missing.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 18.—The most disastrous fire in the history of Grand Forks broke out at 4 o'clock Friday morning, and in less than two hours had completely destroyed the magnificent hotel Dacotah block, Nash Brothers' wholesale grocery and Grand Forks Mercantile Company, wholesale grocers, buildings and stocks, with a total loss of nearly \$400,000. Two persons are known to have perished, and it is feared several others who have not yet been accounted for are in the ruins. The dead:

HOWE, A. C., body still in ruins.

HOWE, MRS., wife of above, body still in ruins.

Monument Sites Chosen.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 18.—The members of the Indiana-Chickamauga park commission left here for home Friday, having been here for several days locating markers for the Indiana organizations engaged in battle about Chattanooga. The commission selected sites for two handsome monuments. One will be located on Mission ridge near Bragg's headquarters. It will be a shaft 100 feet high, surmounted by a bronze figure, and will cost \$50,000. The design is being prepared. Another monument will be located at Orchard Knob, to cost \$15,000. About eighty markers were located by the commission. These will be of marble, costing \$50 each. The state monuments will be put up within the next few months.

May Chastise Pupils.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 18.—The prosecution and acquittal of a teacher for punishing a pupil in the Muncie schools accidentally developed that there is an old statute, passed by the legislature several decades ago, requiring that incorrigible pupils must be paddled or else expelled from school, the paddling to be by the consent of the guardian or parent and administered by the teacher. The school board has ordered observance of this statute in emergency cases.

Funeral of Alphonse Daudet.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The funeral services over the remains of Alphonse Daudet, the well-known novelist and dramatist, who died suddenly Thursday evening, will take place at the Church of Ste. Clotilde, Monday. Interment will be in the cemetery of Pere la Chaise.

Cass County Miners Strike.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 17.—The miners at Ashland, Cass county, have struck because of a reduction of 10 cents per ton in their wages.

TELLS OF HIS TRIP ON U. S. GUNBOAT

E. P. HUMPHREY'S INTERESTING LETTER.

U. S. Civil Engineer Describes the Journey From New York to Key West Enroute For the Nicaragua Canal—Influence of Gulf Stream—Quarters Were Cramped.

EDWARD P. Humphrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Humphrey, who is now on his way to Nicaragua to work as one of the civil engineers on the great canal, writes interestingly of his trip. A letter has been received from him as follows:

"On board the U. S. Gunboat Newport, fifty miles off the coast Virginia, between Cape Charles and Cape Hatteras—Dear Ones All—Sunday morning was ushered in by a heavy storm of rain, the culmination of three days of Scotch mist, followed by clearing weather and cold. We had the roll call at 11 a. m. and found but two out of 104 missing. The lines were cast off at 11:30 p. m. and by 1 p. m. we were in blue water. In going out we went under Brooklyn bridge and by the Statue of Liberty. We passed through the narrows and by Coney Island and Long Branch. By 4 p. m. we were out of sight of land. We had a stiff breeze from the W. N. W. and so used the sails to help out the engine. The boat was steered very much by the sails so that very few of the boys were much sick. A few 'quams' were felt very early all.

"I felt first rate until about an hour after supper (7 p. m.) when I felt a little 'queer' for a little while. Went to my cot about 10:30 and had a good night's rest. About 2 a. m. the wind freshened so that the officer of the watch had to call up the crew and shortened sail, and until 4 a. m. we had quite a gale. It then died away until at 8 a. m. all sails were furled as they were of no advantage. All day we have been under steam alone.

Overcoats Necessary. "The air has been cold, so much so that we all wore our overcoats all the time. Our ship is about 1000 tons burden and carries three four-inch rifled cannon on a side, a four-inch bow chaser and a four-inch stern chaser. Also eight or ten rapid fire swivel rifles. The boat is about 150 feet long and 35 foot beam with triple expansion engines that give her about ten knots an hour—one knot is 1.15 miles. She is also square rigged on the main mast (forward) and barque (or triangular shape) rig ed on the other two masts.

"Thursday morning—Last night we passed Cape Hatteras light ship about 12 o'clock and soon after entered the Gulf stream. The temperature before was about 54 degrees and now it is 74 degrees. This change of 20 degrees was made in less than 500 feet distance. The change in the color of the water too is very marked; before it being something of a brownish hue, but now is a deep indigo blue. This morning the water was covered with phosphorescence and was a beautiful sight. Sea gulls have followed us for the last twenty-four hours and everything that goes overboard and stays for a single instant on the surface is carefully inspected by them. About 8 a. m. we went through a school of porpoises. Three of them ran a race with us for some time. They would jump from 4 to 6 feet out of the water and come 10 to fifteen feet in a horizontal distance. They were big fellows six or eight feet long and would weigh as much as 200 pounds.

Boat is Crowded. "We have on board about 125 men forming a crew and 104 of our men, making in all about 230 men for a ship that is only meant to carry 150 in all. So you can see we have to be careful not to step before looking or we will be sure to put our feet on something not intended for a foot rest. At night we are packed in like sardines in a tin can. The gun deck is only six feet four inches in the clear and we have cots on the floor and over head are hammocks. Between top of cot and bottom of hammocks is only a matter of 2 feet about and they are as close together as they can be set and hung. The weather this morning is very mild and pleasant showing the influence of the Gulf Stream.

"Wednesday December 8—It has been warm and very pleasant all day and the ocean has been smooth as a lake except for the undulations of the surface. We passed Port Royal at about 7 p. m. Port Royal is in S. Carolina near the Georgia line.

"Thursday December 9—A strong head wind came up early this a. m. and as a consequence but two have

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been to meals. I did not eat anything all day and was very much distressed. At near as I could learn not more than five or six escaped 'scot free.' The wind was dead ahead and it together with the Gulf Stream cut our speed down to about five knots an hour. We sighted Ferdnandeis. (Florida) light at 6 p. m.

Skirt Coast of Florida.

"Friday, December 10—Sea quite smooth. Most of us got over our seasickness by noon so that there was a fair sized crowd at the dinner table. I did not go to the table until 5 p. m. but ate some crackers on deck. I have been very weak and dizzy all day but about three o'clock I got over that and, 8 p. m. I am O. K. We have been running down the Florida coast all day and have not been to exceed three miles off shore and part of the time not over one mile. Jupiter inlet light (east of the south end of Lake Okeechobee, the big lake in the south central part of the state) was passed at noon. The big hotels just south of the light house were in plain sight, about a mile off. At 5 p. m. we passed Cape Florida, and expect to reach Key West Saturday noon. All along here have we have the gulf stream against us. It has a velocity of four knots at the center and about two knots on the edge here where we are. The prevailing easterly winds have driven the current in shore further than is customary to find it. I learned today that the stream is not a surface current as I supposed, but it goes to the bottom at all points in its course; at least until it gets well off the coast of Labrador. But the location of the stream is affected by the winds to the extent of thirty or forty miles, at times. Our passage so far has been exceptionally fine. All of us are in summer clothing, and today the sun was rather warm for comfort. We will look for mail at Key West. Our address in the future and until further orders will be Gray Town, Nicaragua, care of Nicaragua Canal Commission, via New York.

Cook's Life in Danger.

"The mail steamer will leave New York December 15 and 29, and every fifteen days thereafter. Mail should leave Chicago three days previous to these dates in order to reach the steamer without fail. I have not learned the dates of sailing from Gray Town, but will at the first opportunity. I will write some more in the morning, and will mail this at Key West. It will leave for the north Tuesday. Use a five cent stamp on the letter to me, as Nicaragua is in the postal union.

"Saturday, 10 A. M.—Key West is in sight, about five miles off so that we will be in dock about 11:30. The first thing will be to find a good dinner. The food has been something horrible. The steward did not know the difference between a sweet potato and a turnip and brought the latter down to the galley for the former. This morning for breakfast he gave us pickled pig feet. He will be murdered before we reach Gray Town if there is no change in the diet set before us. Every one is kicking."

E. P. HUMPHREY.

OAK LAWN HOSPITAL MEETING

Committee Is Named To Select New Directors—Plans Are Discussed.

FIFTEEN names to be voted on as directors of the Oak Lawn hospital, will be submitted to an adjourned meeting of the stockholders, to be held on December 22, at 7 p. m., at the municipal court room. President Vankirk last evening appointed Pliny Norcross, Mrs. J. L. Ford and Dr. James Mills a committee to select the names. This action was taken at the meeting held last night. Secretary and Treasurer Stanley B. Smith made a report showing the amount of cash on hand Dec. 10th, 1896, to be 199.69. Received from patients, \$264.50, and on loans \$327.25, making a total of \$791.44. The expenses the past year were \$780.03, leaving a balance on hand of \$11.41. The report of the matron, Mrs. Smith, showed that there had been twenty-six patients in the hospital during the year, of which sixteen had been paying patients and ten charity patients.

President Vankirk made an appeal for the hospital, saying that it would be a shame to let it go down. Its indebtedness was the only drawback, and if the city would contribute \$500 a year it would get along all right. In conclusion he said that he did not feel that he could sacrifice the time to serve longer as president, and expressed the hope that the meeting would choose some one else in his place.

Captain Pliny Norcross was the next speaker, and at the conclusion of his remarks Captain Vankirk took issue with him, saying that his remarks did not help the hospital. He also took occasion to tell Mr. Norcross that the speech made by Mr. Norcross at the rink some time ago, on the same subject, had been severely criticized.

Dr. James Mills denied that the city physicians were opposing the hospital, but said that the Palmer hospital was better equipped, and therefore the physicians preferred to patronize it, especially in surgical cases. Dr. Mills declared that he felt friendly to Oak Lawn.

Mrs. J. L. Ford said the hospital did not succeed because of the lack of co-operation; and made a plea for organized work. At Winona she said, all the churches held a fair and made \$1,000 for the hospital. Captain Norcross' motion to name a committee to name directors was then adopted, the committee named above being appointed.

President Vankirk presented his resignation in writing but Secretary Smith refused to read it. The meeting then adjourned.

LODGE MADE MERRY ON ITS BIRTHDAY

ENCAMPMENT ODD FELLOWS HOLD JUBILEE.

Half Century of Growth Is Marked In a Pleasant Manner—Volney Atwood Unable To Be Present—Mrs. DeWitt's Music—Ned Helms Entertains Young Friends.

ROCK River Encampment No. 3, I. O. O. F., celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the lodge last evening at Concordia hall. An audience of seven hundred people was present, and the exercises were of interest. Volney Atwood, the only living charter member now identified with the local lodge, was not able to be present, owing to illness, so James A. Fathers acted as master of ceremonies. Rev. H. W. Thompson of the First M. E. church, was the speaker of the evening. He told of the difference between the present day and the day when the lodge was organized, fifty years ago. He read the list of charter members, and spoke of the development of the order in the half century gone by. The program was an interesting one, and was arranged as follows:

Overture.....Smith's Orchestra
Opening Ode.....Lodge Quartette, Orchestra Quartette
"Three Buzzing Bumble Bees"
E. O. Lmth, Wm. Garoutt, Prof. J. S. Taylor, George G. Paris.
Recitation....."In the Dime Museum"
Miss Elsie Mothers.
Solo....."The Idol of My Heart"
George Hatch and the Orchestra.
Quartette....."The Magical Isle"
The Male Quartette.
Address.....Rev. H. W. Thompson
Duett....."Ambolena Snow"
Mamie and Willie Curtess.
Recitation....."The Strolling Actor's Story"
Mrs. J. B. Day.
Gramophone.....Capt. F. H. Koeblin
Sailor's Horripop.....Miss Daisy MacLean
Encores were accorded nearly all the performers and the program was greatly enjoyed. Miss Olive Trambule played the accompaniments for Mamie and Willie Curtess. Dancing followed the program Smith's orchestra playing. The committee of arrangements consisted of Volney Atwood, James A. Fathers, L. M. Nelson, Wm. Burchell and Walter Rice. The floor was in charge of James A. Fathers. Fred H. Koeblin and Otto Smith, Jr.

Gave a Musical

RECITAL was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Yates last night by Mrs. Graham S. De Witt, assisted by Miss Gertrude Stoddard, elocutionist; Mrs. C. F. Yates, Miss Pearl Weaver and Miss Katherine Smith. The program:

Trio, "Forget-Me-Not".....Rotoli
Miss Weaver, Miss Smith, Mrs. Yates.
a. "She Wandered Down the Mountain Side".....Clay
b. Violet.....Hervey
c. "Come Unto Him," from the Messiah.....Hendel
Reading, "A Pin".....Ella Wheeler Wilcox
Miss Gertrude Stoddard.
a. "Irish Folk Song".....Foote
b. "The Song of the Lark".....Margaret Jones-Adams
c. "Serenade".....Tostl
d. "With Thee".....Guy d'Hardelet
Reading, "The Outlaws".....E. J. McPhelin
Miss Stoddard.
a. "The Message".....Blumenhal
b. "When Love Is Kind".....A. L. Ned Helms Entertains

NED HELMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Helms, gave a "stamp party" last evening to a number of young friends. The youthful collectors were invited to bring their collections of stamps, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. Miss Margaret Moust assisted in entertaining. Those present were: Verne Murdock, Stowe Lovejoy, Malcolm Jeffrie, Harold Hall, Gardner Kavalage, Kramer Doty, Harold Dearborn, Russell Zeininger, Archie Reid, Ned Helms.

RAILWAY BUSINESS BOOMS

Eleven C. & N. W. Crews Are Now at Work In Place of Five.

A YEAR ago today five single crews were running out of this city on the Chicago & Northwestern road, while today eleven crews in charge of "double headers" are now daily on duty. Business on this division has been steadily gaining of late and now it has nearly doubled. Live stock, grain, coal, and lumber are moving at a lively rate forming the bulk of the present shipments.

VISITS THE BUTTON MAKERS

Harry Daverkosen Takes a Trip to Eastern Cities.

HARRY Daverkosen, who has been a heavy shipper of clam shells, arrived home this week with a visit to the eastern shell-buying firms and pearl button factories. Mr. Daverkosen says that the market is at present dull, but with the opening of spring, there promises to be much activity.

SHAFER REMAINS SILENT

Alleged Horse Thief Refuses to Talk of His Past Life

HENRY SHAFER, who is now in jail on a charge of horse stealing, refuses to be interviewed as to his past history. He says he is not a married man. He refuses to tell where he came from or whether he has relatives or friends.

Butter Special.

Commercing Saturday and continuing over Monday and Tuesday we will sell fancy dairy butter 20 cents a pound by the jar. The stock is very fine and is cheap at this price. Remember it continues three days only at 25 cents. Sanborn & Co.

NEWS OF DAY ABOUT TOWN

FRANK KEEGAN is home from Port Arthur.

New mixed nuts are going fast. Only 10 cents a pound at Sanborn's. Ask to see those Golden Cluster raisins 10c a pound, 3 for 25c. Sanborn.

SPECIAL table dairy butter sale, 20c a pound by the jar, three days at Sanborn's.

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PHOTOGRAPH mounting board in two weights, at Gazette office, 5 and 10 cents a sheet.

JACKET and capes at one half price. If you are going to buy a garment don't miss this chance. Bort, Bailey & Co.

SAGE cheese, an elegant article made in the east, the choicest we could buy, 18 cents per pound at Sanborn's.

KODAK mounts. Gray card board in two thicknesses for photograph mounting. Gazette Job Rooms, 10 North Main St.

We have the final reduction in ladies' and misses' jackets and capes, every one goes at just one-half price. Bort, Bailey & Co.

GENTS' fine neckwear, mufflers, gloves, handkerchiefs, suspenders jewelry, etc., at popular prices for the holiday trade at S. D. Grubbs.

MORE than 300 jackets and capes, comprising the best and latest production of the clock tailor's art, are what we are offering at our half price sale. Bort, Bailey & Co.

The splendor of a brightly decked banquet table is not complete without Libby cut glass ware. This cut on every piece marks the genuine.

NEXT Monday, December 20, is the regular pay day of the Loan, Building and Savings association. Office of the secretary at Rock County bank. Open from 7 to 9 p. m.

Miss EMMA C. RUSSELL entertained the employees of Mrs. M. E. Woodstock's millinery establishment at supper last evening at her home 120 East Milwaukee street.

THE Light Infantry masquerade takes place at the Armory Monday evening. It is the first of the season, and Smith's orchestra of six pieces, will furnish the music. Tickets 50 cents; ladies, 25 cents.

Mrs. S. J. LOGAN, mother of Mrs. Stanley B. Smith, arrived home last night from Pittsburgh, Pa., where she has been on a visit. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. E. S. McCandless, of Pittsburgh.

THE following scores were made in the rifle competition at the Light Infantry Armory last night: Corporal Brown, 39; Private Rentschler, 38; Private Hall, 36; Private Thom, 36; Captain Hanson, 36; Private Hill, 35; Corporal Smith, 35.

An article we wish to speak of particularly, Golden Cluster layer raisins, an article that always sells at 12 1/2 to 15 cents per pound; the finest of these goods we have ever handled we have now in stock and will sell them at 10 cents per pound, three pounds for 25 cents. Sanborn & Co.

EVERY jacket and cape in our store goes at one-half price. This sweeping offer makes it possible for you to secure right now, in the height of the season, just in time for Christmas, the finest beaver, Kersey Melton and Boucle jackets and capes at the price of a very ordinary garment. Bort, Bailey & Co.

NELS CARLSON will be ready for business at his old stand tomorrow morning. He will keep the best of meats, and solicits a share of public patronage. Mr. Carlson's reputation as a meat dealer is one of the best. He has engaged Ed. Abbott, formerly with Conrad Bros., as chief clerk, and will, as heretofore, conduct a first class market.

EDITOR LIBBY FOR REFORM

Talks of the Officers and the Noted Blind Pigs.

EDITOR Libbey, of the Evansville Enterprise says—"The officers have the blind pigs on the run and should keep them so until they run them out of town or they are willing to become good law-abiding citizens."

Nervous

People often wonder why their nerves are so weak; why they get tired so easily; why they start at every slight but sudden sound; why they do not sleep naturally; why they have frequent headaches, indigestion and nervous

Dyspepsia

The explanation is simple. It is found in that impure blood which is continually feeding the nerves upon refuse instead of the elements of strength and vigor. In such condition opiate and nerve compounds simply deaden and do not cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla feeds the nerves pure, rich, red blood; gives natural sleep, perfect digestion, is the true remedy for all nervous troubles.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. \$1 per bottle. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c

J.M. BOSTWICK & SON THE BIG STORE 20, 22, 24, 26 S. MAIN ST. JANESVILLE, WIS. WE KEEP THE QUALITY UP

Xmas Thoughts.

LIBERTY SILK SQUARES Just the thing for a dainty head-covering, all the delicate tints, \$1.00 to \$1.50.

FUR COLLARETTES, A new line for the holidays Electric Seal, Marten, etc., 3 1-2, 4, 4 1-2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12 to 35 dollars,

MUFFS, Electric Seal, Marten, Black Thibet, Astrachan, 2 to 12 dollars.

PATTERN DRESSES No two alike, are selling them very low. BLANKETS Always acceptable. Not a hint in our prices of the new tariff, although wool is much higher. Good time to buy.

SOFA PILLOWS China silk covered, 3 in. ruffle, large, just think, \$1.00.

BELTS, Metal, elastic, leather, fancy silk, large line 25c to \$2.50.

OSTRICH FEATHER BOAS. Splendid boas in 36 and 45 inch, \$5 to \$14.00.

Full line of gloves for all Occasions. Lace and Suede, all colors, reliable sort.

CURTAINS. One of the largest stocks in the whole northwest to select from.

TABLE LINEN, NAPKINS TOWELS. Linen by the yard or have lovely sets, wide range of prices.

SILKS. For dresses skirts or waists. Black and colors. Larger assortments not common. Black Gros Grains are fashionable and we have beauties at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50. Satin Duchesse, Luxor, Faile Armure, Bureau Scarfs, Lunch Cloths, Bolster Shams, Purses, Shopping Bags, Umbrellas, Silk Garters, Fans, French Flannel for wrapper, Everything for Baby, Dainty Spreads, Hosiery, Rugs, hundreds of them.

THE Empire SKIRT New, Coiled Wire Springs Hold it Out. A Taking Skirt.

Only bought a few to try them but find that they are well liked.

OTHER SKIRTS, Very good values in heavy satines, silk-cot (silk imitation), moreen, finished with narrow or wide ruffles, \$5.50 to \$5.00.

Royal Worcester Corsets Good Name Perfect Corsets Try Them

We show 15 styles of Royal Worcester or W. C. C. corsets. Most satisfactory corset we have ever sold. Have them to fit almost any figure or can get other styles on short notice. The new girdle or extra short waisted corset is quite popular in sizes 18 to 25, colors, black, white, drab, pink, blue. Also have about 25 other makes of corsets. Genuine P. D. corset at \$1.50.

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PAUL GEHRKE

19 N. Main Street, Janesville, Wis., in a "Crimped-Crust" Bread Pan, which holds the steam in the bread, retaining all the aroma, flavor and nutriment of the wheat—something well understood in making coffee.



THE ART OF CARVING is one that every one that cuts up a piece of meat doesn't understand. But our meats are tender and we prepare them for the table in such a good, convenient manner for the knife that any amateur can dissect them. Our beef lamb, mutton, pork, veal and poultry are chosen by us to please our patrons, and they know a good thing when they see it.

WM. KAMMER. Phone 219. Cor. Center & Western Ave.

Cash Grocery List...

Every article best quality. 11 lbs. Oatmeal.....25c Corn Meal, per sack.....15c Bread, per loaf.....4c A. B. C. Ginger Snaps, lb.....5c Early June Peas, can.....7c 4 cans Early June Peas.....25c Elgin Corn, per can.....8c 20 lbs. nice Calif. Prunes.....\$1.00 Nice Evaporated Apples.....25c 8 bars Kirk's best Soap.....25c Northern Dairy Butter in 10 pound lots.....21c Picnic Hams,.....6c lb.

NOLAN BROS. Phone 172.

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Everything now ready for inspection and approval. An early inspection is the most satisfactory. Finest lot of useful and appropriate gifts we have ever had. New novelties, Toys, Books, and Notions for everybody. A great variety and at prices that can't be beat for quality of goods. Come and see us before you purchase.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1619—Prince Rupert, famous cavalry general in German and English royalist wars, nephew of Charles I, born in Prague; died in London 1682.
 1802—George D. Prentice, famous editor, born at Preston, Conn.; died 1870.
 1843—Thomas Graham (Baron Lynedoch), a British general under Sir John Moore 1808. CORWIN, in the peninsular war, noted as the victor of Barossa, died; born 1750.
 1847—Maria Louisa, second wife of Napoleon Bonaparte and widow of Count Neipperg, died in Vienna; born 1791.
 1855—Samuel Rogers, English poet, died in London; born 1763.
 1865—Thomas Corwin, noted American statesman, died in Washington; born in Kentucky 1794. Formal and official abolition of slavery in America by proclamation of thirteenth amendment, ratified by 26 states.
 1869—Louis Imogen Gottschalk, celebrated pianist, died in Brazil; born 1829.
 1884—The Roman Catholic orphan asylum burned in Brooklyn; a sister of charity and 23 children killed.
 1889—Oliver L. Barbour, compiler of law reports, died in Saratoga; born 1810.
 1890—Paul Auguste Avenue, noted French writer, died in Paris; born 1843.

FARM PRODUCTS HIGHER

The steady advance in prices of farm products is clearly shown by an elaborate study of prices being conducted by that conservative but accurate trade journal, "Bradstreet's." It has for some time past followed closely the course of nearly 100 articles, including farm products, produce, live stock and manufactured articles. Its latest figures show that the advance in prices of farm products, which has been a subject of marked attention during the past year, still continues. The table, which is the result of these extended inquiries regarding the November prices, shows an advance in corn, oats, potatoes, milk, beans, peas, sheep, barreled beef, mutton, hogs, eggs, wool, and other articles of agricultural produce, and a decrease in prices of many articles which farmers must buy.

PROGRAM FOR THE CONCERT

Numbers To Be Presented at Y. M. C. A. Organization's Entertainment.

THE program for the Y. M. C. A. band concert which will be given on December 20, has been arranged as follows:

- a. March—F. N. G. Weldon
 b. Overture Jamboree Herold
 Band.
 Tarantelle.....Raff
 Two Pianos—Mrs. James Field, Miss Mabel Lewis.
 Vocal Solo: a. My Little Love.....Hawley
 b. Evening Star.....Wayner
 George G. Paris.
 Hunting Scene.....Bucalossi
 Band.
 Hark to the Mandolin.....Parker
 Misses Elizabeth Palmer, Mabel Lewis.
 Rhapsody Hunroise No. 2.....Liszt
 Miss Carrie Spaulding.
 Facilita Air Varie.....Hartman
 Solo for Euphonium.....Arthur Clark
 Violin Solo—Souvenir de Hayden.....Leonard
 William Bellack.
 Valse Impromptu.....Roff
 Miss Rose Hathorn.
 Trio Piano.....
 Misses S. Phila. Weisend, Josephine Carle, Blanche Sweeney.
 My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice.....Saint Saens
 (From Samson and Delilah).
 Mrs. S. B. Lewis.
 Russian Carriage Song.....Thornton
 Band.

MANY ARE PAYING THE TAXES

City Treasurer Fathers Is Receiving State and County Dues.

TWO hundred and fifty-five city property owners have so far paid their state and county tax to City Treasurer James A. Fathers. Compared to a year ago this number will vary but little. S. Markman was the first man to pay his taxes this year, while many leave the matter till late in January. The state and county tax rate this year is \$7.58 on a thousand, with the usual percentage for collection added.

C. W. MERRIMAN IS NAMED

Beloit Man Will Go to Brockton, Canada, As U. S. Consul.

A DISPATCH from Washington says: "Two appointments in the foreign service were made today for Wisconsin. appointments which were agreed upon early last summer, but which have been delayed. These places were the Athens, Greece, consulate given to Daniel E. McGinley of Cedarburg, and the consulate at Brockton, Canada, given to Charles W. Merriman of Beloit.

EDITOR J. F. WILLEY RETIRES

C. C. Cook, Formerly of Chicago, Takes Charge of "The Leaf."

J. FRANKLIN Willey, who for the past eight years has been manager of the Wisconsin Tobacco Leaf, resigned his position today, and he was succeeded by C. C. Cook, a printer who lately moved here from Chicago. On December 12, 1889, Mr. Willey assumed charge of the paper, and has by hard and careful work made it authority on the tobacco market.

Senator Fry Gains His Point.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The nomination of Charles Page Bryan as minister to China has been withdrawn. His name was sent to the senate for confirmation, but at the eleventh hour Senator Fry sent a personal message to President McKinley to temporarily withhold the name. This the president did. Senator Fry's objections are based solely on Col. Bryan's lack of experience in diplomatic matters.

TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

ALL our stylish cloaks at half price. T. P. Burns.

BASSETT & ECHLIN want a good strong boy to work in harness factory. LAMB'S wool soles, all kinds and sizes for slippers. C. C. Bennett Shoe Co.

CIGAR holders and cases all sizes and shapes for the holidays at J. L. Spellman's.

The special sale is making trade in the jewelry line very lively at F. C. Cook & Co's.

The clothing stores of the city will be open every evening from now until after the holidays.

You can select a very appropriate Christmas present at Stearns & Baker's for very little money.

Drop bowl briar pipe with best amber stem, the most popular pipe out, only \$1.50. J. L. Spellman.

The clearing sale of F. C. Cook & Co. includes all the fresh new elegant goods bought for the holidays.

MEERSCHAUM pipes are not so expensive, a very pretty one including case for \$3.00 at J. L. Spellman's.

We are open every day in the week except Sunday, also every evening as well. C. C. Bennett Shoe Co.

VERY fine line of cigars put up 25 in a box especially for Xmas trade 75 cents to \$2.50. J. L. Spellman.

If you wish to keep you husband at home evenings select one of those leather Turkish chairs at Putnam's.

PLENTY of choice bulk oysters for Saturday evening trade at Sanborn's, and the only oyster refrigerator in the city.

HEATHER of the Links, the nicest and finest odor in perfumes in bulk and handsome packages. Stearns & Baker.

BEAUTIFUL line of gold and silver mounted imported briar and amber pipes for the holidays at J. L. Spellman.

We venture to say from appearances that T. P. Burns has the largest display of handkerchiefs and muffers in the city.

ELEGANT imported briar and amber pipes for 75c and a pipe with sterling silver trimmings for \$1.00. J. L. Spellman.

Mrs. S. B. Lewis will sing "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" (Samson and Delilah) Saint Saens, at Y. M. C. A. band concert.

We are closing out our holiday goods without profit. Come and see them while the assortment is good. Stearns & Baker.

PATENT leather shoes as Christmas presents are always appreciated. Our line is strong. \$2.50 to \$5. C. C. Bennett Shoe Co.

ANOTHER good thing for a Xmas present is a kodak. Ask us about them. Buy your Xmas Tom Moors, 25 in box at Smith's. Next to P. O.

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WAS NOT JACK HESS

OF CHIMNEY FAME

GENTLEMAN OF THE IRON BAR STILL FREE.

The Six Foot Hobo Arrested at Sparta Was Not the Much Wanted Man Who Punched Holes In Rock County's Sturdy Jail—Sheriff Acheson Is Home

NOT by a jugful. You can't catch Jack Hess. "Slippery Jack" is not so easily nabbed.

And no more holes will be made in the jail wall for a time.

Not by Jack Hess anyway. "I have Jack Hess in jail. Do you want him?" was in effect what the telegram said that Sheriff Conger of

MR. SPARTA H. ORO. (The man alleged to be Jack Hess. Drawn from telegraphic description.)

Sparta, sent Sheriff Acheson, late yesterday afternoon.

"Hum-m-m" said Sheriff Acheson, thereby showing that he was what Mr. Hess would designate "a wise guy."

But Sheriff Acheson went to Sparta last night, just the same.

"Where is Jack Hess?" he asked Sheriff Conger when he got there.

"There is Jack Hess," said the sheriff pointing to a six foot tramp with six inch whiskers.

"That's not Jack Hess," said Sheriff Acheson.

"The dence you say" said Sheriff Conger. "We arrested that man for Jack Hess, on your postal card description of Jack Hess."

"But you didn't get Jack Hess," said Sheriff Acheson as he but one up his coat, and started for the train.

This, gentle reader, is the story of the capture of Jack Hess—nit, as Mr. Hess would doubtless say.

New Glarus Masquerade a Success.

New Glarus, Dec. 18.—[Special]—Last night's masquerade was the event of the season. It was given by J. A. Colli and N. C. Marty and Brown & Leavers' band furnished music. Among the notable costumes were those of Miss Edith Foy, Oswald Altman, E. Miller and Fred Berg, who won prizes, and Peter Doherty, Otto Tallmarch, A. Beatty and Lew Johnson.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—Two second hand steam radiators. Address H. Gazette.

Y. M. C. A. Building.

500 MEMBERS WANTED

The work of this association is invaluable to any community. Any one desiring to be unselfish become interested in this work for men.

If not a member Join at Once.

The Association

Needs You.

Just Around the Corner

On Jackson street you'll see a sign which reads:

CHAS. ACHTERBERG

"YOUR TAILOR"

If you will take the trouble to step in to the shop you'll find a man who can convince you he understands his business. The place is small but the work turned out is the best.

CHAS. F. ACHTERBERG,

Your tailor, 2 South Jackson st.

GUNTHERS'

CHRISTMAS CANDIES.

Home-Made Taffies Broken Mixed Candy in all kinds and styles, best in the city at

BEAUMONT DEFOREST.

107 West Milwaukee street.

E. T. Fish Freight Line

Leave orders at C. D. STEVEN'S Drug Store or Residence Telephone 22, for hauling Pianos, Safes, Bolders, House Furniture, Freight.

Promptness and Prices reasonable.

Space forbids our entering into detail. The entire stock goes at proportionate figures in this thirty day clearing sale. The array of pretty things to be found at the lowest of low prices is enormous. We will save you money on your Xmas purchases. Gold Spectacles for Christmas. Eyes will be fitted any time by our eye expert, W. F. Hayes.

F. C. COOK & CO.

OPPOSITE POST OFFICE.

JANESVILLE, WIS.

CATARRHAL DEAFNESS!

Constant Roaring, Singing, Buzzing in the Ear so Distressing Cured by the THERMO-OZONE GENERATOR.

At first I believed, and still believe, that it is a crime not to make known to the world a discovery which will cure these conditions heretofore held to be incurable. Aurists have exhausted their skill in treating the drum and Eustachian tube for deafness with supreme failure. NO PLAN, NO METHOD, has ever before been adopted capable of carrying treatment into the seat of the disease which is located on mucous membrane that covers the bones of the middle ear and other organs of hearing. OVER EIGHT HUNDRED TREATMENTS given since Sept. 1st without one failure to benefit or cure. We publish no names but you can copy them from our cure book and interview the parties WE ARE NOT AND WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for parties who do not follow instructions, but guarantee every case that does. We fit you out with instruments and medicine for home treatment at small cost. Prefer a few trial treatments. Plenty of references in office. Come and counsel free of charge.

DR. C. A. MINER.

Over Stearns & Baker's.

Tasteful Gifts....

Celluloid Smoking Sets.... 80c

Celluloid Handkerchief.... 95c

Celluloid Toilet Cases.... 75c

Celluloid Shaving Sets.... 80c

Celluloid albums glove cases, work boxes, pin trays countless pretty things at small price. The best assortment of

Holiday Dolls and Toys.

THE FAIR.

103 West Milwaukee Street.

H. W. COON, Proprietor.

Open every evening until after Xmas.

Harness

The place to buy Horse Blankets and Robes. Blankets, 50c; a little more for a better one.

JAMES SELKIRK, 15 S. Main St.

F. C. COOK & CO.

Dissolution Clearing Sale.

The first special sale ever given by us in our thirty years of Jewelry business. The retirement of E. M. Church from the firm necessitates a reduction of stock, and for thirty days we will make special clearing sale prices on all goods. Many articles and lines will go at cost and less than cost. Our stock of holiday goods is very large and well assorted this season. All of them are included in this spot cash sale. Jewelry of all kinds, Watches, Clocks, Silverware, Etc. The largest stock in Southern Wisconsin at the lowest prices ever chronicled in this community.

Seth Thomas fine Mantel Clock prettily ornaments, regularly sold at \$7.50; for this sale, \$5.00

Regular \$8.50 Mantel Clocks, 6.00

Regular \$10.50 Mantel Clocks, 8.00

Regular \$14.00 Mantel Clocks, 11.00

Best Nickle Alarm Clocks, warrant-regular price, \$1.25; clearing sale price, .75

Best triple plate (1847) Rogers & Bro. Knives and Forks, regular price \$4.00 per doz.; at \$3.00

Silk Umbrellas, very latest style handles, regularly sold at \$5.00; clearing sale price, \$2.50

Sterling Silver Letter Opener, regular price 35c; sale price, .20

Sterling Silver Paper Knives, regular price 65c; sale price, .45

Sterling Silver Button Hooks, regular price 85c; sale price, 55c

Sterling Silver Match Boxes, regular price \$2.75; sale price \$2.00

Our stock of Silver Novelties is unrivalled. We bought heavily of this line for the holidays. The entire lot at cost.

Pearl Handled Knives, regular price \$10.50 set; sale price, \$7.50

A Jas. Boss gold filled case with genuine Elgin movement, always sells at \$12.00; price, \$9.50

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Great Special Purchase.

A telegram from our Mr. Geo. D. Simpson, who is in Chicago, says: : : : :

"Great Purchase

OF

Collarettes, Capes

Muffs and

Small Furs.

Advertise They will be

received Saturday."....

These goods were bought to sell at prices that

won't keep them with us long, The assortment,

coming as it does, will be superb.

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SANTA CLAUS AFIRE AND PANIC FOLLOWS

PETER JAMESON, OF HARMONY,
SEVERELY BURNED.

Cotton Battering Suit Caught Fire From a Candle and Flames Were Extinguished With Difficulty—Scholars at School House Were Greatly Frightened.

WHILE playing the part of Santa Claus last evening, at District school No. 5, town of Harmony, Peter Jameson's cotton battering clothing caught fire, and before the flames were extinguished, he was severely burned about the hands and face. That Mr. Jameson escaped death, seemed almost miraculous to the hundred people who witnessed the accident.

As soon as the flames were smothered, the injured man was removed to the home of Frank Mount and a messenger was sent to this city to notify Dr. W. H. Palmer. Today Mr. Jameson was suffering great pain, the skin having peeled off in large pieces, from his face and hands.

District school No. 5, which is situated on the "middle road" five miles from this city is presided over by Miss Minerva Gateley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gateley of this city.

School Was Celebration Yesterday being the last day of school prior to the holiday vacation, Miss Gateley and her scholars had planned to celebrate the event by having a Christmas tree in the evening preceded by a musical and literary program. At 7:30 o'clock standing room in the little school house was at a premium and it was estimated that fully 150 were in attendance when the opening number was called.

At the close of the program Miss Gateley announced that presents would be distributed to the school children. Mr. Jameson, dressed from head to foot in cotton battering then came forth, wearing a pair of cotton whisks at least two feet long. As he stood near the tree the cotton on his right arm suddenly ignited from a candle and in an instant his entire suit was ablaze. Screams rent the air and to make matters worse the children fled in all directions making it almost impossible at first to reach Jameson's side. Jameson tried to extinguish the flames by brushing his cotton clothing with his bare hands but only made matters worse.

Put Out the Fire County School Superintendent David Thorne finally succeeded with the assistance of Robert Barless, Charles Munger and others in smothering the flames with cloaks, rugs and carpets.

When Jameson was finally able to be assisted to his feet it was then discovered that blood covered his face and hands. As soon as order had been restored cotton battering beneath the stage was found to be on fire, but before the woodwork of the building became ignited the flames were smothered.

Miss Martha Myer of the town of Harmony, had her right hand burned while attempting to remove the burning cap from Mr. Jameson's head.

The entertainment then came to a sudden end and those present departed for their homes feeling thankful that the affair was not of a more serious nature.

PUTNAMSGETHOTEL CONTRACT

Janesville Furniture Firm Will Equip the Carlton in Edgerton.

THE contract for furnishing the Hotel Carlton in Edgerton was let this morning and went to O. S. & E. W. Putnam of this city. The competition was very severe. The Tobey Furniture Co., A. H. Revell & Co., Siegel, Cooper & Co., and the Fair of Chicago, put in bids, and the two largest furniture houses in Milwaukee, also submitted figures. The fact that Putnam Bros. were below any of them suggests how the Janesville firm's prices ordinarily compare with city quotations. There is no money in buying furniture away from home when prices are so strongly in favor of Janesville purchases.

FIX UP ODD FELLOWS HALL

Lodge No. 90's Quarters Will Also Be Much Improved.

NOT to be outdone by their local brethren members of Janesville City Lodge No. 90, I. O. O. F. commenced today the remodeling of their hall in the Mitchell block on West Milwaukee street. E. J. Kent & Co. who have decorating contract will finish their part of the work first. In the spring it is the intention to put a new roof on the building. The entire expense is to be paid by the Mitchell estate.

PARKER BROTHERS ARE ILL

Both Augustus and Frank Very Sick at Present.

AUGUSTUS Parker and Frank Parker, brothers, are now dangerously ill at their homes in the First ward. Augustus Parker, who resides on Olive street, is a man seventy-five years of age. Of late he has been dangerously ill with liver complaint and old age, and it is now thought that his chances for recovery are slim.

Frank Parker, who has been suffering with paralysis, shows but little improvement.

In his sermon on Sunday evening, Mr. Kempton of the Baptist church, will tell of his recent visit to Gibraltar, the greatest fortress on earth.

NEWS HEARD ABOUT THE CITY

FINE art goods at Sutherland's. DIARIES for 1898 at Sutherland's.

ALBUMS are selling again at Sutherland's.

BEAUTIFUL calendars at Sutherland's book store.

SOME dainty presents can be seen at Heinstreet's drug store.

New tapestry table spread, beautiful styles, at Hoffmaster's.

DRY maple, sawed twice, \$6 per cord. Janesville Coal Co.

MEN'S rubbers 45c, arctics 85c, felts and rubbers \$1.75. S. D. Grubb.

LARGE stock of gloves, mittens and caps, 25 and 50c. S. D. Grubb.

ONE ton of No. 2 Nut, special price, \$5.75 per ton. Janesville Coal Co.

CLOTHES—Cleaned and pressed. No delay. Isaac, tailor, over A. Reid & Co.

DICTIONARY holders, best styles, prices low at Sutherland's book store.

CLOSING out box calf double soles, winter shoes, at \$3.25. S. D. Grubb.

A CANARY bird or gold fish makes a nice present. Heinstreet has them.

WEBSTER'S International dictionary—Very valuable gift—at Sutherland's.

ONE cord oak, sawed two or three times, \$5.20 per cord. Janesville Coal Co.

MONEY to loan. Any amount on real estate without commission. S. D. Grubb.

TOILET sets and cuff and collar boxes. See them and prices at Sutherland's.

Don't buy your presents until you see our line. We can save you money. Stearns & Baker.

SPECIAL sale of dress goods, one day only, Monday. Low prices prevail. H. Hoffmaster & Son.

GENTS' unlaundered white shirts 25c. 3 for \$1.00. Fine linen collars 10c. cuffs 15c. S. D. Grubb.

Buy holiday handkerchiefs at Hoffmaster's, where you can get better values and better styles.

CUT glass, hand decorated and fancy Haviland china. Everything new, and our prices the lowest. Skelly's new bookstore.

THE kind of rings that men like are shown by Hall, Sayles & Fifeild, "the reliable jewelers." He would probably be pleased with a ring at Xmas.

THE finest pieces made by the Edgerton Art Clay works, are sold by Hall, Sayles & Fifeild, "the reliable jewelers." They have a larger stock than usual this year.

We sell all goods in our line as low as the lowest. We buy in big lots for cash, and are satisfied with small profits. Hall, Sayles & Fifeild, "the reliable jewelers."

WHAT'S nicer to give a lady for Christmas than an umbrella if it be a really fine one. Hall, Sayles & Fifeild, "the reliable jewelers," have the kind you are looking for.

I HAVE just received the nicest lot of solid mahogany desks ever shown in Janesville. Call and see them and you will select one for a Christmas present. W. H. Ashcraft.

We have the finest line of ladies gents pocket books, bibles and Catholic prayer books in the city and our prices are the lowest. All new stock at Skelly's new book store.

EVERY lady who desires a fine jacket or a stylish cape will reasonably appreciate the great saving our one-half price sale of choice garments affords. Bort, Bailey & Co.

THE sooner you pick out your cloak the greater bargain you may expect to get. More than 300 garments to select from, and every one at one-half our regular price. Bort, Bailey & Co.

ANY goods in our line will be sold at as low prices as any our advertisers, often lower. Remember that and look around before you buy. Hall, Sayles & Fifeild, "the reliable jewelers."

R. W. GILKEY, who had the Alaskan company's sledge train model on exhibition in this city will leave soon for the Klondike region where he will personally superintend the running of the train.

Goods not heretofore offered are now on sale at the Holmes store on the bridge. Lease expires with this month and the stock and fixtures must go at very low prices. Bargains in holiday goods.

THE recent party given by the Golf club proved such a success the club has decided to give a masquerade and have set the evening of Feb. 23 as the date. The Armory has been secured and Smith's orchestra will play.

Just arrived at W. H. Ashcraft's furniture store, the most artistic solid mahogany rockers made, also a large variety of imitation mahogany rockers upholstered leather seats and backs. There is nothing made that is better and prices very low.

THE insurance on Orrin Pomeroy's tobacco shed has been settled. The agreement was to pay the full amount of insurance, \$500 on building and \$500 on the tobacco contents. The insurance will not more than half pay the loss of Mr. Pomeroy.

If you will call and see my goods and ask the prices, I will allow you to judge the comparative value with all competition. I intend to sell all goods at 10 per cent less than any house in the city, for the same class of goods. Investigate, as I know it will pay you. W. H. Ashcraft.

If you contemplate purchasing a diamond for Christmas whether it be large or small, it will pay you to see Hall, Sayles & Fifeild, "the reliable jewelers." They have a fine lot of gems set and unset, and buying for net spot cash direct from the cutters are able to make very close prices.

HEAR MISS WILLARD ON SUNDAY, JAN. 2

LECTURE AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Date Is Set, and the Local Workers Will Now Seek To Have All the Churches Join In a Big Union Temperance Meeting That Night—Letter Is Received.

MISS Francis E. Willard will lecture at the Congregational church on the evening of Sunday, Jan. 2 and "A White Life For Two" will be her theme.

Mrs. Eliza E. Yates president of the local W. C. T. U. has called a meeting of the local union at the North Academy street home of Mrs. Chittenden for same next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. At this meeting committees to take the work in hand will be appointed and if the consent of the local ministers can be obtained services at five of the local church will be cancelled for that evening so that one grand temperance meeting will be result. The churches that it is expected will enter heartily into the same are the Baptist, Court street Methodist, Presbyterian, First M. E. and the Congregational.

President Yates stated this morning that a public reception will be given for Miss Willard so that all may have an opportunity of shaking the hand of the greatest temperance advocate. The selection of the date and subject were left to Miss Willard, and Mrs. Yates has received the following letter from Miss Willard's secretary:

Letter From Miss Willard.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 16, 1897.—Mrs. E. E. Yates: My Dear Mrs. Yates:—Miss Willard thinks we had better decide upon January 2 for the meeting in Janesville, and we shall hope to hear from you soon about the details. Miss Willard is willing to have the meeting in the evening, but thought it would not interfere with other church services if held in the afternoon. You will know best what to decide. We have a very kind note from Miss Willard's cousin, Mr. Robinson, and are very glad that we are to be entertained there. As so much is being said these days about the purity question, I think you would be glad to have Miss Willard give her lecture on "A White Life for Two." Please let us know what you think of this. With love from us both, I remain, yours sincerely, ANNA A. GORDON.

JANESVILLE NEWS IN BRIEF

XMAS cigars, \$1.00. Smith's Pharmacy.

FRESH new coconuts 5 cents each at Sanborn's.

LOTS of standard books, very cheap, at Sutherland's.

DRY maple sawed twice, \$6 per cord. Janesville Coal Co.

OUR special prices are good for Monday only. Janesville Coal Co.

PHYSICIANS say this cold weather will help to prevent disease.

OUR special prices are good for Monday only. Janesville Coal Co.

THE below-zero weather has put a stop to brick-laying at the depot.

ONE ton of No. 2 Nut, special price, \$5.75 per ton. Janesville Coal Co.

FOURTEEN thousand bushels of grain are now stored at the Cargill elevator.

ONE cord oak sawed two or three times, \$5.20 per cord. Janesville Coal Co.

BUT little grain has been coming in of late, the roads having been very bad.

BIBLES and prayer books, best assortment at prices that will suit you at Sutherland's book store.

THE very latest canes bought especially for the holiday trade, at Zeigler's 75 cents, \$1 and \$1.50.

HOLIDAY perfumes, 20c, 25c, 40c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, up to \$7.00. Smith's Kodak Pharmacy.

It will surprise you, our low prices on hall trees, sideboards, fancy rockers, etc. O. S. & E. W. Putnam.

WHEN you have any clothing to press or have repaired bear in mind that Zeigler has lately added a bushelling department to his business.

Another good thing is to remember is that all clothing bought at Zeigler's is pressed free of charge at any time.

FOUR weeks ago yesterday Mary Kimball opened her mission home. Miss Kimball stated yesterday that the home has fourteen regular members while in the Sunday school may be found eighty-five children of all ages and denominations. Preparations are now being made to serve a Christmas dinner to the children at the mission.

SAMPLES of the golf coats to be worn next summer have been received at T. J. Zeigler's. They are of golf pink and thoroughly well tailored. The material is of serge and serge and solid enough so that the coats will keep their shape without lining. Buckleton links will be dotted with a particularly red sort of pink next summer and the golf club piques will be correspondingly picturesque.

THE article given as a Xmas present is appreciated just as much if it costs a trifle as the one that represents a considerable outlay. Zeigler shows so many of these useful articles for men such as the Boston garter which by the way are the best garters on the market, silk ones 50 cents and worster with 25 cents per pair. A pair of silk embroidered or satin suspenders make a very suitable gift or a pair of silk lined gloves. We have them \$1 and \$1.50 per pair.

NEWS OF A PERSONAL NATURE.

PETER J. RICE is home from a trip on the road.

Mrs. S. D. CONANT is numbered among the sick.

Mrs. JANE M. PUTNAM has been on the sick list this week.

POSTMASTER to be U. G. Waite of Afton, was in town today.

ATTORNEY E. M. Hyzer is home from Milwaukee for Sunday.

CAPTAIN Edward Ruger will lead the Y. M. C. A. meeting Sunday afternoon.

MALACHI FISH is assisting Hall, Sayles & Fifeild during the holiday season.

MISS MARY DOTY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Doty, is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

MISS IDA KEMMETT, who is now residing at Waterloo, Ia., is home to spend the holidays.

WILLIAM ERNST of the Imperial band, has been engaged as drummer with Smith's orchestra.

PROFESSOR and Mrs. L. C. Buell will spend the holidays with Mrs. Buell's parents in Austin, Minn.

P. E. MEISSNER of Milwaukee, called on E. B. Heinstreet yesterday in the interest of the pure food law.

MISS CAROLINE HAWS of Waukegan, who is attending school here, left today for her home to spend the holidays.

Mrs. J. S. ANDERSON, who has been dangerously ill with pneumonia is slowly recovering. Dr. Pember is the attending physician.

SUPERINTENDENT Mark Cummins of the J. newlie street car line, left this afternoon for a week's visit with his brother in New Castle, Pa.

ROYAL makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

FOR.....

Christmas Presents

A pretty Dressing Jacket, \$1 to \$2.75

Popular Box Plait at \$1.89.

A Flannellette Wrapper \$1 to \$2.00.

Ankle Wool, Fascinator, 75c to \$1.75.

A pair of Child's Wool, long Leggings, 25c to 50c.

A pair of Infant's Drawers and Leggings, combined, 75c.

A pair of Infant's Fancy Crochet Boots, 15c and 25c.

A Fancy White Apron, 25c, 50 and 75c.

Enough White Embroidered Flannel for Infant's or Lady's Skirt 68c to \$1.50 a yd.

Enough large figured Plush for a Sofa Pillow, 24 inches square, 85c.

A Handkerchief, 3c to \$3.00, a purse, 5c to \$1.00.

A Chatelain Bag, 25c to 50c or \$1.00.

A pair of Silk Garters, very fancy, 25c.

Gold Baby Pins and Chains, 15c.

A pair of Gloves or Mitts, \$1. up.

A hundred other things you can see, better than we can tell you about.

HELEN SERVATIUS.

For 'Him':

Mufflers of rich silk.

Heavy white silk

Handkerchiefs.

Japanese white silk

Handkerchiefs.

Neckwear in the newest styles.

Kid Mittens and fine

Gloves.

Heavy Christmas

shipment just opened.

J. L. FORD & SON

FASHIONABLE FURNISHERS.

Dr. C. C. Devereaux

Has opened his Dental Parlors

on the bridge, over the Becker

& Woodruff store.

THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THIS SEASON

THERMOMETER WENT TO NINETEEN BELOW ZERO.

W. W. Wills' Self Registering Instrument Gives These Figures, Which Are Nine Degrees Below the Coldest Snap of the Year Up To This Time.

KLONDIKE breezes struck Janesville and vicinity last evening bringing the coldest spell of the winter. At 6 o'clock this morning the thermometer at W. W. Wills' North River street shop registered nineteen degrees below zero, which is, by nine degrees, the coldest weather we have had this winter.

In all sections of the city thermometers registered from twelve to nineteen degrees below while a local physician says that although he did not care to stretch the matter he believed that his thermometer reached the twenty below mark. When business men began to arrive down town, none looked more happy than did the coal, shoe and clothing men.

"This weather is what I have been praying for since winter set in," said a local clothing man, "and now that it has arrived, I hope it will stay the rest of the winter."

And that was the way the merchants all felt.

Trains on Time.

Trains on both roads were on time, in spite of the cold snap, although all engineers were cautioned to run slow.

In the local yards section crews were kept at work looking for broken rails and track walkers were cautioned to keep both eyes open.

The strong wind that prevailed during the early part of the evening made extra work for the telephone and telegraph linemen although no serious damage was reported. At the local coal yards the telephones were kept busy ringing in orders and it has been many days since the local dealers have filled the coal and wood orders that they did today.

The field of water where the City Ice company will soon commence to harvest their "crop" was frozen over during the night to the depth of several inches and today skaters by the score were there to take advantage of Jack Frost's kindness.

The indications are that the present cold snap will continue for some time.

EVERY young man who has a dress suit has need of a dress suit case, and if he hasn't a dress suit, one of these cases is mighty handy to carry clothing on a trip. Zeigler shows a fine line of them for the holidays. A very good one at \$3.50 and a genuine sole leather case from \$6.50 to \$10.

IMPORTANT!

To Gas consumers:

Given

Away

Absolutely

FREE

From the office of

the New Gas Light

Co., by the Detroit

Stove Works, as an

advertisement

100

Beautiful

Gas

Heating

STOVES!

To the patrons of the

Gas Co., from Dec.

18th to Dec. 24th;

1897.

Make your appli-

cations early.

First Come,

First Served.

A nominal charge

will be made for con-

nections and deliv-

ery.

Open evenings.

The "Lucky Curve"

sounds accidental, but it's only the popular name for our wonderful Tubular Feeder, the result of brains, experiments and skill, designed to drain the ink from pen point and insure clean fingers. This remarkable feature of ... THE ...

Geo. Parker

Fountain Pen

is alone enough to make the pen popular with pen-users, and when added to the other good points you have the Perfect Parker—always ready—writes a day with one filling—smooth, even and swift. A little talk with any courteous, up-to-date dealer will confirm what we say.

Don't judge a Parker by others. It is just the difference between simply a pen and—the best. \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and upwards at dealers or of us.

Beautiful Catalogue Mailed on Application.

PARKER PEN CO., 90 Mill Street, JAMESVILLE, WIS.

A Parker

Fountain Pen.

Would make a nice suitable Christmas Present.

We have

WITH LOVING HANDS.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS THAT MAY BE
MADE AT HOME.An Odd and Useful Device For Sister or
Mother—A Novel Gift For the College
Student In Which the College Colors
Are Employed.

Christmas gifts should not be too costly. Expensive gifts upset the equilibrium of things generally, for they necessitate a return in kind and so degenerate into commerce. Perhaps the most acceptable of all holiday presents are those that bear the imprint of loving hands, something homemade and handmade. Gifts for intimate friends and members of the family should not represent a sum of money, but rather affection and kind thoughtfulness.

One of the cutest things of a homely kind is a device for keeping shoe buttons, needles and thread together, and it may be readily rigged up by any one who has the least faculty for "making things." A clay pipe is the foundation, and it is dressed up as an old lady in a calico dress. The back of the pipe forms the face, with that sharp point for the



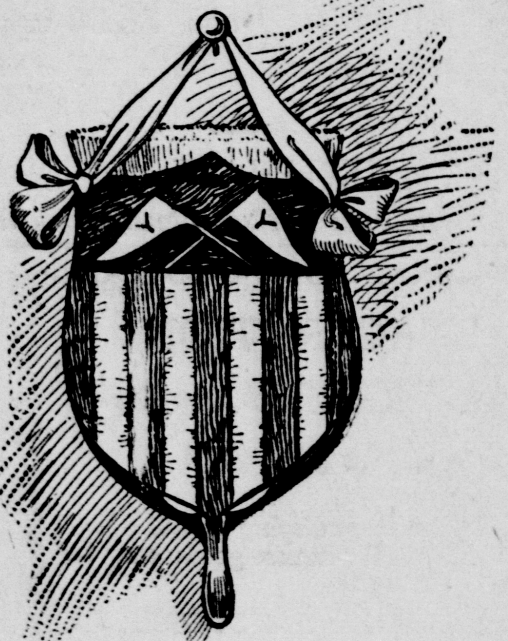
nose, and eyes and mouth are put on with pencil just as pipe nuns are made. The stem is then stuck into the spool of linen thread, which answers two purposes—that of holding the pipe up and of being handy when the thread is wanted. The old lady has a sunbonnet on her head, a fichu pinned around her neck with the shoe needle and a wide skirt. The buttons are in a bag that hangs on her sleeve. She also wears a white apron, upon which are written these words:

My name is Miss Piper
I'm not a penwiper,
But if from your shoes
Your buttons you lose
Just bring them to me
And you'll readily see
With what great delight
I'll sew them on tight.

The difficulty of making suitable gifts for a brother or cousin who is away at college has been greatly lessened by bringing the college colors into requisition. This is especially pretty where there are two colors combined or three, as is the case with Johns Hopkins university.

A pretty present made on this plan is a brush broom case made in the shape of a shield. Those the writer has seen were for Yale and Princeton. White was combined with the Yale blue to relieve it. The upper part of the shield, which was made of pasteboard, was covered with plain blue satin, and the body of the shield was striped up and down with the blue and white. On the plain blue white flags are painted with the sticks crossing in the middle and having a blue Y on the flag sheet. The back is, of course, a plain piece covered with satin, and the shield hangs up by a ribbon. Put a brush broom in it and write "Brush Up" or something on the card and send it to the best college friend you have whose colors you have used.

Another present which can be made in college colors is a doll pincushion. A jointed doll about ten inches long is dressed in the colors desired—say yellow with black trimmings for Princeton. It is then set on a circular piece of cardboard seven or eight inches in diameter, and the silk skirt, which has been made large enough to admit of it, is gathered together in the middle of the underside of the cardboard. It has also



been stuffed with lamb's wool or cotton batting, and when finished it makes a very good pincushion. These doll cushions were introduced in New York at the time of the Yale-Princeton football game, but they are just as acceptable at Christmas time.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS—STATE OF WISCONSIN, County Court for Rock County—In probate.

Notice is hereby given that at the regular term of the county court to be held in and for said county at the court house, in the city of Janesville, in said county, on the first Tuesday of June, A. D. 1898, being June 7th, 1898, at 9 o'clock a. m. the following matters will be heard, considered and adjusted:

All claims against George Haskell, late of the city of Janesville, in said county deceased. All such claims must be presented for allowance to said court at the court house in the city of Janesville, in said county, on or before the 27th day of May, A. D. 1898, or be barred.

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THE OVERFLOW OF LOCAL NEWS

GOING LIKE HOT CAKES

Billardette Tables Are Popular With All Acquainted With Them.

SIX more billardette tables arrived this week and all have been sold. Place your orders early in order to get them for the holidays. One table is in constant use at the Y. M. C. A. building. In speaking of this novel table Prof. Julius E. Olsyn, professor of Scandinavian language and literature at the state university in Madison, says: "Mr. N. C. Starks, My Dear Sir:—I have found your 'Billardette' a most delightful parlor game. It is so easily learned that children very soon become interested in it, and yet the niceties of the game are such as to prove fascinating to old as well as young. It is a game for the home, the church parlor and club room, and well adapted for each. It has not a single objectionable feature. It does not even 'take up room' for when not in use for playing the table can easily be converted into a useful article of furniture. Some persons object to cards; others are interested in them. 'Billardette' will undoubtedly fill a long-felt want with many of both of these classes. In fact it seems to me that there is room for just such a game as yours. It needs only to be seen to be appreciated."

Algerman E. F. Gibbs of Madison says: "The billardette club cannot be too highly recommended. It affords excellent pastime and when not in use makes a very handsome center table."

P. B. Grinde of Deerfield says: "I have your billardette table in my home for several years, and could it not be replaced I would not sell it for twice what I paid for it. There is nothing equal to it for home amusement."

J. W. Monroe of Grinnell, Iowa, speaks of the table as follows: "We all are delighted with your new billardette table."

ARE THE TWO OLDEST TWINS

Frank Leslie's Weekly Speaks of Mesdames Johnson and Noggle.

The last issue of Leslie's Weekly contains the following about a former Janesville woman:

There are some long-lived twins in the country, and more than one pair have lately claimed to be the oldest living. The claim of the Newell brothers of Missouri to be the oldest pair of twins in the country held good until it was shown that Mrs. H. H. Johnson recently of Kankakee, Illinois, and now of Omaha, Nebraska, and Mrs. David Noggle, of Janesville are one month older. The ladies are the twin children—Polly M. and Anna M.—of Benjamin and Eunice Mosher Lewis, and were born at Bristol, New York, May 29th, 1815. They were the youngest of fifteen children. The twins went to Milan, Ohio, when about seventeen married there and in 1837 Mrs. Noggle came to the wilds of Wisconsin to live the life of a pioneer. She and her husband settled at Beloit. Mr. Noggle was the first postmaster of that city. He was a lawyer and afterward appointed chief justice of Idaho by President Grant. His health compelled him to return to Wisconsin, where he died in 1878, at the house of his son-in-law, Congressman Charles G. Williams. Mrs. Noggle is a woman of native ability and can tell many interesting tales of her early life in Wisconsin. She is the mother of seven children, who with her, are members of the Episcopal church. She is an excellent chester and what player. Mrs. Johnson, later in life went with her husband to Kankakee, Illinois. She was a leader in Kankakee church work, until she went to reside with her daughter, Mrs. John Dale, of Omaha. The sisters are both in full possession of their faculties and are as active as many gay young widows of sixty-five.

Of Particular Interest to Housekeepers

Golden Lily baking powder that has always sold at 25c a pound can now be had for a few days at 15c a pound. It is a fine powder. Rising Sun baking powder, regular 25c pound can goods, reduced to 15c a can. Lemon and vanilla extracts that always sell 25c a bottle, we reduce to 10c. Very good vanilla and lemon extracts 5c a bottle, 3 for 10c. These special prices for a few days only so don't delay, Sanborn & Co.

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WISCONSIN NEWS IN BRIEF

Gossip of Various Kinds From the Badger State Towns.

UNDERSHERIFF O'Brien and Deputy Sheriff Mutter of Racine county attempted to take into custody Anna Svoboda, a Bohemian woman of the town of Caledonia, who had been ordered to be taken to the Racine county insane asylum. The woman armed herself with an axe and drove the men away. Help was secured and she was overpowered and handcuffed after a terrific struggle, during which Mr. Mutter was cut on the hands. The services of three men were required to arrest the woman.

The stage of water in Lake Winnebago is higher than it has been known to be for many years. It is only two inches below the crest of the dam at Menasha. Since the millmen of Neenah and Menasha have formed a mutual agreement about the water power the water is kept at a much higher stage than formerly.

The American Telephone company has asked to be freed from local taxation at Superior when its new line is completed in that city. The council does not think this should be granted and has referred the matter to a committee for consideration.

PATRICK CARROLL of Amberg was arrested on the charge of stealing a hoghouse from the homestead of Benjamin Jones of Marinette. The cabin was carried off from the latter's land and erected on another forty. Carroll denies the theft.

The hardware firm of Huettner & Peterson of Appleton, assigned to August Kublander. The firm's assets are \$10,600 and its liabilities \$8000. The failure was due to slow sales. Milwaukee and Chicago houses are the principal creditors.

The Hamilton & Merryman company will erect a planing mill and dry kiln in its lumber yard at Marinette. The company will abandon its Chicago yard. All the lumber in the future will be shipped from Marinette.

EARL BUTLER, living near Richland Center, jumped a small stream with a revolver in his hip pocket. The weapon was discharged, the ball passing into the calf of his leg, inflicting a serious wound.

The receipts of the Oshkosh street railway for the past five months are about \$100 per day. The one half percent tax on the earnings amounts to \$265 55. The new south side extension will be opened soon.

JACOB ZEIGLER, of West Bend wants \$300 from that town for damages incurred in falling into an open catch basin in the street. The city council refuses to pay that amount and a suit is likely to follow.

The street car employees of Sheboygan, have addressed a letter to the street car company complaining of the increase in the duties of the motormen caused by the laying off of many of the conductors.

Mrs. ESTABROOK, mother of Superintendent Estabrook of the Racine public schools, was stricken with paralysis and is not expected to recover. She is 73 years of age.

CYNTHIA HART is suing John Hart at Racine for an amount of about \$19,000, alleged to be due her as her share of a millinery business in which they were engaged for many years.

The ore traffic at Ashland promises to be very heavy next season. Mine operators are expecting the largest business in the history of the region. Nearly \$1,000,000 was paid out by the Plymouth banks to cheesemakers in the vicinity of that town during the past year.

REV. A. A. MUELLER of Green Bay, denies that he has left the Old Catholic church to join the Episcopal ministry.

The charity entertainment and ball given under the auspices of the Pinchell club of Jefferson, netted \$200.

The La Crosse district Baptist conference is in session in the Tabernacle church at La Crosse.

The residence of Mrs. Hannon at Green Bay, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$800.

The residence of Timothy Cullnan at Sturgeon Bay was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$1,000.

WISCONSIN river turtles are being shipped to the East from Spring Green.

Oranges For Holiday Trade

We bought the choicest lot of oranges for our holiday trade we could find and while we think we have plenty of them get this high class fruit is so hard to get we may not have enough. Samos Mexico sweet oranges, the sweetest orange that grows, all sizes of them, and the famous brand, a naval California orange, of which only a comparatively few are on the market each season. We handled this same orange last season and its high quality moved them out very rapidly. If you wish any of this fruit it will be wise to order early. Sanborn & Co.

Tax Notice. The tax rolls and warrant for the collection of state and county taxes are now in my hands for collection. All persons interested will please take notice. Dated this 5th day of December, 1897. JAS. A. FATHERS, City Treasurer.

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

ST. MARY'S CHURCH—First mass, 8 a. m.; second mass, 10:30 a. m.; evening devotion, 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 9 a. m. Rev. R. J. Roche, pastor.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH—First mass, 8 a. m.; second mass, 9:00 a. m.; third mass, 10:30 a. m.; evening devotion, 7:30 p. m. Rev. Eugene M. McGinnity, dean.

TRINITY CHURCH—Fourth Sunday in Advent. Holy communion at 7:30 a. m. Matins, litany and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Sunday School 12 noon. Evening sermon 7 p. m.

MARY KIMBALL MISSION—106 South Jackson street. City Missionary Mary Kimball pastor. Sunday School at 2 p. m. Preaching service at 3 p. m. and 7 p. m. Meetings every evening. Everybody welcome.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST—Services are held in Room 5, Bennett block at 10:30 a. m. Sunday and experience meeting at 7:45 p. m. Friday. Sunday topic, "Fellowship in Light and Love." Sunday school immediately after morning service. All are welcome.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—Arthur C. Kempton, pastor. Subject of morning sermon: "Pure and Undeveloped Religion." In the evening the series of "Sermons of Travel" will be continued, the special subject being: "A Mighty Fortress." Everybody welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Morning, "Looking Backward." Evening, "The Instruments of Service—Two Pictures." The choir meet Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening. Subject, "What Christmas Brings to Us." Robert C. Denison, pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Morning service at 10:30 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor, E. H. Pence. Subject, "The Motive and the Man." Evening service at 7 o'clock. The sermon will be the third on Christ. Subject, "Jesus and His Bible." Young people's meeting at 6 p. m.

COURT STREET M. E. CHURCH—The life of Christ series will be continued tomorrow morning by the pastor. The virgin and the babe, the circumcision, the presentation at the temple and the visit of the wise men will be considered. Mr. Hall will speak in the evening on "How to be prosperous, or the Bible Method of Money Getting." Epworth League after evening service.

CHRIST CHURCH—Fourth Sunday in Advent. Celebration of the holy communion 8 a. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Morning service and sermon 10:30 a. m. Sermon topic, "A True Estimate of Self." Evening service and sermon 7 p. m. Sermon topic, "Pharisaic Righteousness." Tuesday St. Thomas day. Morning prayer and holy communion 9 a. m. Friday Carol service and Christmas tree for the Sunday school 5 p. m. Saturday Christmas day holy communion 8 a. m. Second celebration and sermon 10:30 a. m.

COUNTY NEWS IN PARAGRAPH

Milton Junction News

Milton Junction, Dec. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. George Hassenger rejoice over the safe arrival of their third boy, Wednesday morning. His name is William Jennings. The next lecture in the People's Lecture Course will be given Saturday evening Dec. 18, by Dr. Samuel Plantz of Lawrence University. Subject, "The Peculiarities of Literary Men." Rev. Mr. Witter and family of Albion, are visiting in this vicinity this week. W. F. Beckett has moved his shoe store into the Kelley block. Charles Hall of Chicago, is in town on business. S. O. Chambers has traded Janesville property to Kinyon Coon of Albion, for the fifteen acres of land known as the race track in this town. Mrs. Dunn Frink has relatives from Adams county, visiting here. Rev. G. W. Burdick, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Maxson, Dr. William B. West and others from this place attended the prohibition convention at Janesville, Wednesday. Merton Burdick is spending his vacation from school duties, at home. George Walters of Albion, made his usual weekly visit to one of the fair daughters of our town, Saturday.

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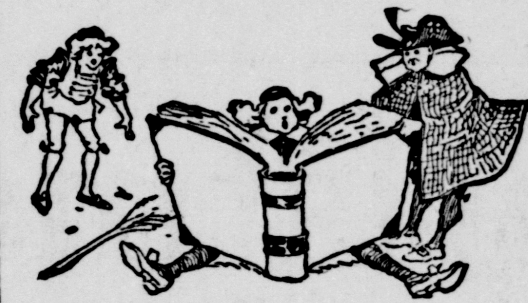
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The Bargain Clothing Co.

The leaders in fine clothing at cut prices have received a complete line of Children's and Boys' Clothing for their first grand Christmas sale and will offer same at lowest prices. To make this sale a grand success we have decided to give a PAIR OF SKATES OR A SLED, GRATIS, to all purchasing of us during this sale.

Below Are a Few Of Our Numerous Bargains:

Children's fine Suits in black, brown and blue, regular \$2.50 value, at \$1.75.	Boys' heavy cashmere Suits, regular \$6.00 value; our price \$3.98.
Children's heavy all wool Suits in plaids, regular \$3.50 value, at \$2.50.	Boys' fine plaid Suits in stylish colors, \$8 value; our price \$5.48.
Children's very fine Suits in black clay worsted and silk mixed cashmere, regular \$5.00 value; price \$3.50.	Boys' fine clay worsted Suits, regular \$10.00; our price \$6.75.

We will also sell our complete line of Men's Suits and Overcoats at half the regular value. Remember this sale begins Saturday morning, Dec. 18th, and will continue until Christmas.

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Our Xmas Offering.

For the boy a pair of those All Steel Clamp guaranteed Skates, 35c a pair. For your husband, bone handled new style carving set, 75c. For you wife, Nickle plate tea or coffee pot or a Wringer. For the entire family, a Garland Stove, the world's best.

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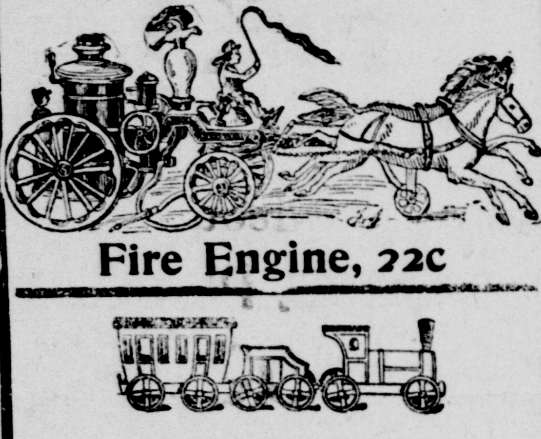

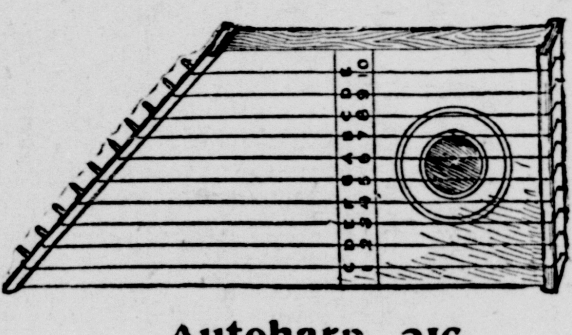
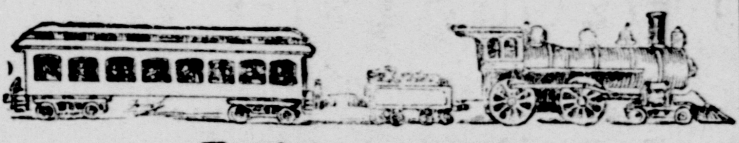





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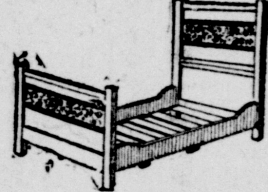
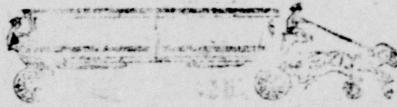
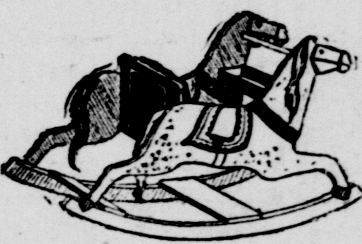


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